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SUBJECT: KABUL SEISMIC STATION

REF: KABUL 1381

1. BACKGROUND: KABUL IS ONE OF TWENTY STATIONS BEING UPGRADED UNDER THE PRESENT PROGRAM. AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM USGS OFFERS A ONE MONTH TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSE FOR TWO TECHNICIANS FROM EACH OF THE PARTICIPATING STATIONS. SCIENTIFIC TRAINING IS NOT OFFERED NORMALLY AS PART OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. HOWEVER, IN THE FEW INSTANCES WHERE IT IS CLEARLY JUSTIFIED IN ORDER TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM INTEREST, THE PROGRAM SPONSOR HAS AUTHORIZED THE USGS TO OFFER UP TO TWELVE MAN MONTHS OF SCIENTIFIC TRAINING IN THE U.S. (THE PROGRAM IS NON-AID FUNDED).

2. THE SCIENTIFIC TRAINING PROPOSED UNDER USGS AGREEMENT THREE WILL BE INFORMAL STUDY AND WORK IN ASSOCIATION WITH USGS SCIENTISTS OF THE SEISMICITY AND RISK ANALYSIS BRANCH IN GOLDEN, COLORADO. THE WORK-STUDY PROGRAM WILL BE TAILOR-UNCLASSIFIED

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ED TO THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE FACULTY AND TWO

TRAINEES. DURING THE PROGRAM, THE TRAINEES WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT OTHER USGS FACILITIES ENGAGED IN EARTHQUAKE STUDIES. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE TRAINING

PROGRAM, USGS DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AN EXTENSION TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL WORK AND OBSERVATION IS JUSTIFIED.

3. THE TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAM PROPOSED UNDER USGS AGREEMENT FOUR IS MORE FORMAL IN NATURE ALTHOUGH WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL WORK. ONE MONTH SPECIALIZED TRAINING WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE NEW INSTRUMENTATION USGS PROPOSED TO INSTALL IN KABUL AND THERE WILL BE TRAINEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CLASS. BECAUSE OF THE RECENT TURNOVER IN TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AT KABUL UNIVERSITY, USGS OFFERED AN ADDITIONAL ONE MONTH OF SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN THE WWNSS SYSTEM. USGS AGREES TO A FURTHER EXTENSION OF ONE MONTH FOR TRAINING IN GENERAL SEISMIC INSTRUMENTATION.

4. WITH REGARD TO REFTEL PARAGRAPH ELEVEN: NO SPECIAL FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE STORAGE OF TAPES. IT IS ADVISABLE TO STORE THEM IN AN AREA, SUCH AS AN OCCUPIED BUILDING, WHERE TEMPERATURES ARE RELATIVELY CONSTANT.

5. WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED ABOVE, USGS CONCURS IN THE AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED IN THE REFTEL.

6. PLEASE ADVISE USGS IF AGREEMENT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED ALONG THESE LINES. KISSINGER

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